

Edict, 10 to 1 Shot, Races to a Brilliant Victory in \$7,425 Spinaway Purse at Saratoga Track

Neglected Outsider Outgames Fly By Day in Close Finish

Saratoga Special, to Decide 3-Year-Old Championship, Postponed Because of Muddy Track; Devastation Wins Merchants and Citizens Handicap

By W. J. Macbeth

SARATOGA SPRINGS, N. Y., Aug. 26.—Edict, the fine brown two-year-old filly, by Jim Gaffney—Royal Message, proved herself a juvenile champion—at least in the mud—by winning the Spinaway here this afternoon. Edict, which several times previously had displayed satisfactory mid-running proclivities, was put to her first test against thoroughbreds of real stake class in this five and a half furlong trial, yet she triumphed in a manner which proves her among the very top-notchers of superior race performers. Her victory netted the Rancocas Stable \$7,425.

Edict proved herself not only incisive in the mud, but a weight-carrier of rare gameness. She was giving weight to each of the ten fillies that opposed her, with the exception of Harry Payne Whitney's Cresta and W. S. Kilmor's Sally's Alley, in at even pull. Edict carried her 122 pounds as a feather, raced the Oak Ridge Stable's Runelise and H. P. Whitney's Fly by Day into submission in a hard drive through the mud stretch to win from Fly by Day by half length.

For this Spinaway, rich in racing tradition as in prize money, Harry Payne Whitney sent out an entry of three—Cresta, Fly by Day and Untidy, the last was favorite and heavily backed. Money showed also for Runelise, the two others being Morvich, The Fairies and Miss Tressall. The Fairies was sent up, Edict and Thessaly, seemed entirely overlooked and receded from 6 to 10 to 1 to 1.

Mrs. Cassidy got the field away to a good start. Edict was the first to burst from an inside position, but almost immediately was joined by Fly by Day and was actually outrun in the sprint to the turn. Runelise also moved up fast and joined in the issue and for a time the three ran together as a team in a Roman chariot.

Runelise Takes the Lead

Bounding the bend Runelise momentarily drew a half length in front of the others, then began to tire and widen her stride. Fly by Day was first to overtake her and swing around the home bend slightly in front. But here Edict gamely challenged again, swinging up to even terms as the pair straightened for the final run home.

Aleyon and Kewpie Are Victorious in Gravesend Regatta

Light weather practically ruined the annual regatta of the Marine and Field Club on Grand Bay yesterday. A light rain killed off the last.

In the handicap class the winner was Runelise, property of R. Roekel, which belongs to J. Ashley, won another sailor prize in the knockabout class.

The regatta was to have been the final one of the season on the lower bay. However, there will be one next Saturday. The Crescent Athletic Club plans to hold its postponed race of earlier in the season next Saturday.

A summary follows:

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